§ 196.43-1 Application.

The provisions of this subpart apply to all vessels on an international voyage, and all other vessels of 150 gross tons or over in ocean, coastwise, or Great Lakes service.

§ 196.43-5 Availability.

On all vessels to which this subpart applies there must be readily available to the deck officer of the watch a placard containing instructions for the use of the lifesaving signals set forth in regulation 16, chapter V, of the International Convention for Safety of Life at Sea, 1974. These signals must be used by vessels or persons in distress when communicating with lifesaving stations and maritime rescue units.

Subpart 196.45—Carrying of Excess Steam

§ 196.45-1 Master and chief engineer responsible.

(a) It shall be the duty of the master and the engineer in charge of the boilers of any vessel to require that a steam pressure is not carried in excess of that allowed by the certificate of inspection and to require that the safety valves, once set and sealed by the inspector, are in no way tampered with or made inoperative except as provided in § 196.30–20.

Subpart 196.50—Compliance With Provisions of Certificate of Inspection

§ 196.50-1 Master or person in charge responsible.

(a) It shall be the duty of the master or other person in charge of the vessel to see that all of the provisions of the certificate of inspection are strictly adhered to. Nothing in this subpart shall be construed as limiting the master or other person in charge of the vessel, at his own responsibility, from diverting from the route prescribed in the certificate of inspection or taking such other steps as he deems necessary and prudent to assist vessels in distress or for other similar emergencies.

Subpart 196.53—Exhibition of Credential

§ 196.53-1 Officers.

All officers on a vessel must have their licenses or officer endorsements conspicuously displayed.

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Subpart 196.80—Explosive Handling Plan

§ 196.80-1 Master's responsibility.

- (a) It shall be the responsibility of the master to have prepared, signed, and prominently posted in conspicuous locations, operating procedures, plans, and safety precautions for all operations involving the use of explosives.
- (b) The operating procedures referred to in paragraph (a) of this section shall include and set forth the special duties and stations of appropriate qualified persons for various operations involving the use of explosives. Assignment of such persons shall be commensurate with their experience and training.
- (c) A copy of the operating procedures, plans and safety precautions required by paragraph (a) of this section and all subsequent changes or revisions shall be forwarded to the Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection, issuing the certificate of inspection for review.

Subpart 196.85—Magazine Control

§ 196.85-1 Magazine operation and control.

- (a) Keys to magazine spaces and magazine chests shall be kept in the sole control or custody of the Master or one delegated qualified person at all times. Test fittings for magazine sprinkler systems shall be kept in a locked cabinet under the custody of the Master.
- (b) Whenever explosives are stored in magazines and magazine chests they shall be inspected daily. Magazine inspection results and corrective action, when taken, shall be noted in the ship's log daily. Maximum and minimum temperatures for the previous 24-hour period shall be recorded in the ship's log along with general magazine condition and corrective action taken when necessary.

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- (c) The magazine sprinkler controls shall be tested monthly. Test results and all corrective actions taken shall be recorded in the ship's log.
- (d) The Master shall limit access to the magazines, or the contents thereof, to persons who can document 3 months on board ship training in the use of explosives. This shall not be construed as prohibiting access to the Master or others designated by the Master.

Subpart 196.95—Pilot Boarding Operations

§ 196.95-1 Pilot boarding operations.

- (a) The master shall ensure that pilot boarding equipment is maintained as follows:
- (1) The equipment must be kept clean and in good working order.
- (2) Each damaged step or spreader step on a pilot ladder must be replaced in kind with an approved replacement step or spreader step, prior to further use of the ladder. The replacement step or spreader step must be secured by the method used in the original construc-

tion of the ladder, and in accordance with manufacturer instructions.

- (b) The master shall ensure compliance with the following during pilot boarding operations:
- (1) Only approved pilot boarding equipment may be used.
- (2) The pilot boarding equipment must rest firmly against the hull of the vessel and be clear of overboard discharges.
- (3) Two man ropes, a safety line and an approved lifebuoy with an approved water light must be at the point of access and be immediately available for use during boarding operations.
- (4) Rigging of the equipment and embarkation/debarkation of a pilot must be supervised in person by a deck officer
- (5) Both the equipment over the side and the point of access must be adequately lit during the night operations.
- (6) If a pilot hoist is used, a pilot ladder must be kept on deck adjacent to the hoist and available for immediate use.

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